GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DECLARATION OF FORESTS AS NATIONAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the State Governments to declare forests in their States as National Parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether due to dual control involving the revenue and forest departments of the respective State Governments over forests in the States, led to depletion of forests area drastically; and

(d) if so, the declaration of such forests as national park and the growth of depletion of forest cover in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Power to declare/notify forests under the administrative control of state governments as national parks is exercised by the respective state governments.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. There is no overlap of jurisdiction leading to dual control of revenue and forest departments over forest areas which has deleterious impact on them.

(d) Does not arise.